



Where can I find more information?



A list of distributing food pantries and soup kitchens may be found on the Indiana's Food for the Hungry Web site at:

<http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/safefood/sfhungry.html>



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TEFAP

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

The Emergency Food Assistance Program helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly citizens, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost.



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TEFAP Facts

- TEFAP got its start as the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program in 1981. The program's name became The Emergency Food Assistance Program under the 1990 Farm Bill.
- TEFAP's goal is to help reduce federal food inventories and storage costs while assisting the needy.
- The amount of food that Indiana receives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is determined by the number of unemployed persons and the number of people with incomes below the poverty level in the state.
- Indiana distributes the food it receives to eleven food banks throughout the state. The food banks allocate the food to local organizations such as soup kitchens and food pantries that serve the public. They also give food to eligible recipients for household consumption.



Comcast volunteers at Gleaners Food Bank assemble USDA commodities for distribution.

What foods are available?

- Canned and dried fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Fruit juice
- Rice, grits, and cereal
- Dried beans
- Meat, poultry, and fish
- Pasta products
- Soups
- Dried egg mix
- Peanut butter

(Source: USDA Food and Nutrition Service)

Who is eligible to receive food?

- Public and private non-profit organizations that provide food assistance. If food is provided for home use, the household must meet the state's income eligibility requirements. If the organization serves prepared meals, they must demonstrate they primarily serve needy individuals.
- Households that meet Indiana's eligibility requirements (see table below). Indiana's standard is 165% of the federal poverty level. Income is determined by self-declaration.

Income Guidelines

165% of poverty				
Household Size		Household Income		
		(Monthly)		(Annual)
1		\$1,430		\$17,160
2		\$1,925		\$23,130
3		\$2,420		\$29,040
4		\$2,915		\$34,980
5		\$3,410		\$40,920
6		\$3,905		\$46,860

For each additional household member, add \$495/\$5,940.